

**Reply under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
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REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 8, 10-11, and 13-14 and canceled claims 12 and 22. As a result, claims 1-3, 7-8, 10-11, 13-21 and 23-24 are pending in this application. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-3, 7, 15-21, and 23-24 are allowed and claims 10, 12-14 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for noticing the patentable subject matter of these claims.

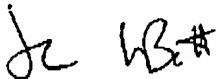
Additionally, the Office rejects claims 8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,178,275 (Nerses) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0016716 (Mahonty) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,468,972 (Yamada). Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during a telephone interview with Applicants' representative on June 2, 2005. During the Interview, the Examiner noted the Office's error in referencing allowed claims in paragraph 4 of the Final Office Action. Additionally, the rejection of claim 8 was discussed. In particular, Applicants' representative noted that Nerses fails to disclose the claimed shining step of the previously presented claim 8. However, the Examiner stated that Nerses in view of FIG. 1 of Yamada allegedly discloses the shining step. During the telephone interview, no exhibits were presented and no agreement was reached.

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By this response, Applicants have herein amended claims 8, 10-11, and 13-14 to incorporate subject matter previously indicated as allowable. In particular, Applicants have: amended claim 8 to include the subject matter of claim 22, which has been canceled without prejudice; rewritten claim 10 in independent form; rewritten claim 11 in independent form and to include the subject matter of claim 12, which has been canceled without prejudice; rewritten claim 13 in independent form; and rewritten claim 14 in independent form. With respect to claims 10 and 11, Applicants note that the rewritten claims are based on the subject matter previously indicated as allowable in the September 23, 2004 and December 3, 2004 Office Actions.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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